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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Letter dated 14 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations". I recommend that the matter be allocated to the Fifth Committee for its consideration during the regular session.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is attached (see annex).

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Annex to the letter dated 14 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Explanatory memorandum

The scale of assessments for peacekeeping operations has not been comprehensively updated since its inception in 1973. Since maintaining peace and security continues to be one of the Organization's most crucial tasks, we believe it is necessary to review the current scale to ensure that it can support current and future peacekeeping activities.

In our view, the Fifth Committee would be the appropriate forum to consider this issue during the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.